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Letter dated 29 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, I have the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué emitted on my own behalf regarding the coup d'état perpetrated early Sunday, 28 June, against the Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras (see annex).

I kindly request that the above-mentioned document be circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 20.

(*Signed*) Abelardo **Moreno**
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Communiqué by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the situation resulting from the coup d'état against the Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras

The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) expresses its strongest denunciation and condemnation of the brutal coup d'état carried out in the early hours of this morning against the Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras, a sister nation that is full member of the Movement.

President Manuel Zelaya, legitimately elected by the Honduran people, was brutally kidnapped by a group of pro-coup military and expelled from the country, in an attempt to prevent, through violence, the realization of the democratic referendum to be held today in the Republic of Honduras.

Likewise, the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau denounces the kidnapping of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras, H.E. Mrs. Patricia Rodas, and demands her immediate release and respect for her personal safety and integrity. The Armed Forces of that country are responsible for the life and dignity of the Foreign Minister.

The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau condemns also the outrage against several Ambassadors accredited to Honduras, including the Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba, who were kidnapped and beaten, by those who took part in the coup.

The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau strongly calls upon all countries, international organizations and other members of the international community to firmly condemn the military coup d'état and call for the reinstatement of the Rule of Law in the Republic of Honduras, including the return and full reinstatement of its legitimate and constitutional President Mr. José Manuel Zelaya.

New York, 28 June 2009